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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE OFFICIAL REACTION TO SECRETARY

KISSINGER'S SOUTHERN AFRICAN INITIATIVES

1. AS TO SENEGALESE LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ZANGHOR AND FORREIGN MINISTER SECK, RETURNED FROM VACATION TO THEIR OFFICES DURING PAST WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM THEM CONCERNING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETINGS WITH VORSTER AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEADERS. IN CONVERSTIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF AND FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERSONALLY, CHARGE RECEIVED NO COMMENTS OF CRITICISM AND A GENERAL PATTERN OF CAUTIOUS APPROVAL. APIENTLY AWAITING GUIDANCE FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR BEFORE PRONOUNCING THEMSELVES MORE DEFINITELY, THE OFFICIALS AGREED ON APPROPRIATENESS OF SUCH INITIATIVES TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR USG'S AND SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SUCH DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING. FON MINISTER, IN AIRPORT CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, STRESSED URGENCY OF NEED FOR PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA AND GOS COMMITMENT TO INDEPENDENCE MOVEA MENTS IN THESE AREAS. HE ADDED THAT I YVITABLE MAJORITY RULE IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE MERELY PRELIMINARY STEPS TO RESOLVING KEY ISSUE OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA

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